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## **CONAGHER TALK OF THE TRACK AFTER NEAR RECORD-BREAKING PERFORMANCE FRIDAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, June 4, 2022)** – Patricia's Hope LLC and Mark Farrar's **Conagher** dazzled fans Friday afternoon at Churchill Downs with a near track record performance when he scorched seven furlongs in 1:20.62 for his second-consecutive allowance victory.

The budding star Conagher, a 3-year-old son of Jimmy Creed, was .18 seconds off the Churchill Downs track record set by the brilliant **Groupie Doll** in 2012. Conagher was given a 106 Brisnet Speed Rating for his performance Friday.

Conagher has six starts under the care of **Mike Tomlinson**, who received the horse after trainer **Robert McCutchen** prepared for his debut. As a 2-year-old, Conagher broke his maiden over the turf at Colonial Downs and was away from the races seven months until he resurfaced in February at Gulfstream Park.

"Last year as a 2-year-old he had some minor ailments that we gave him the time to heal from," Tomlinson said. "He's come back with a vengeance. We started him back on the grass at Gulfstream since that's the surface he broke his maiden on. This colt is now mentally mature and turned into an absolute dream around the barn."

Conagher was bet down from his 7-2 morning line Friday and went off as the 8-5 post time favorite. He returned \$5.20 under jockey **Joe Rocco Jr.** Conagher won his first start this season at Keeneland at a stout 73-1.

"Let's just say everyone in the barn did very well that day," Tomlinson joked.

For Farrar and his wife, **Dianna**, the trip from Oklahoma for Friday's race paid off.

"It's great for all the partners involved in this horse. Mark has been involved in horse racing for 20 years and I'm tickled they are rewarded with a colt like this," Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson reported Conagher came out of his race in great shape and was "playing" around the barn Saturday morning before he visited the equine spa.

There are no immediate plans for Conagher's next start.

**BELMONT STAKES CONTENDER BARBER ROAD WORKS FIVE FURLONGS IN 1:00.40 OUT OF GATE** – WSS Racing's Kentucky Derby (Grade I) sixth place finisher **Barber Road** had his final serious tune up at Churchill Downs on Saturday prior to shipping to New York for the \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes with a five-furlong move in 1:00.80 in company with **A Little Wild** (five furlongs, 1:01.20).

The late-running Barber Road popped out of the Churchill Downs schooling gate at 7:30 a.m. and cruised through early fractions of :24.60, :36 and :48.20. The gray son of Race Day galloped out in front of his stablemate through six furlongs in 1:14, according to clocker **Pete Vestal**.

This was Barber Road's first gate work since June, 20, 2021 where he went a half-mile in :48.60.

**SUNDAY IS FAMILY ADVENTURE DAY** – Sunday is **Family Adventure Day** at Churchill Downs.

There will be more than 20 fun activities for kids under 12 in the Plaza, including stick horse races, a petting zoo, face painters, bounce houses, an obstacle course, corn hole, a bubble station and a video game truck. Also, there will be music from the Plaza Stage, and the Kona Ice Truck will be on hand.

General admission is \$9 and reserved seating is \$12. Two children per paying adult may attend for free.

Admission gates open at 11:30 a.m. and the first of 10 races is 12:45 p.m.

For more information or tickets, visit [www.churchilldowns.com/tickets](http://www.churchilldowns.com/tickets).

**CHURCHILL DOWNS LIVE AVAILABLE ON SMART TVs** – The **Churchill Downs LIVE** app is available free of charge on streaming services such as Amazon, Apple TV and Roku. Fans can download the Churchill Downs LIVE app for full access to a free HD live stream of the Churchill Downs simulcast signal and three additional angles including the saddling paddock.

Fans will get analysis each race day from expert handicapper/host **Joe Kristufek** who will be joined alongside **Kaitlin Free**, **James Scully**, **Scott Shapiro** and **Brandon Stauble**.

Wagering is available on [www.TwinSpires.com](http://www.TwinSpires.com), the official ADW of Churchill Downs Incorporated and the Kentucky Derby.

**DOWN THE STRETCH – Julien Leparoux** was one win away from 1,000 victories at Churchill Downs. He had calls in Races 3, 5, 6, 8 and 11 Saturday. ... The jackpot for the 20-cent Derby City 6 continues to climb with an \$81,994 carryover into racing Saturday. The bet spans races 6-11. The \$1 Super Hi 5 had a \$2,357 carryover in Race 11.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4 (STEPHEN FOSTER PREVIEW DAY)**

- **Racing:** 11 Races; Day 22 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-5:58 p.m.
- **Dirt/Turf (Lane 1, 0 feet):** Fast/Firm
- **Carryovers:**
  - 20-cent Derby City 6 Jackpot (\$81,994)
  - \$1 Super Hi-5: (\$2,357)
- **Featured Races:**
  - Race 5 (2:45 p.m.) – \$200,000 Regret (GIII), 3yo f, 1 1/8 M (T)
  - Race 7 (3:50 p.m.) – \$200,000 Shawnee (Listed), f&m, 1 1/16 M
  - Race 8 (4:22 p.m.) – \$200,000 Arlington (GIII), 4&cup, 1 1/16 M (T)
  - Race 9 (4:55 p.m.) – \$200,000 Aristides (Listed), 4&cup, 6 F
  - Race 10 (5:26 p.m.) – \$200,000 Blame (Listed), 4&cup, 1 1/8 M
  - Race 11 (5:58 p.m.) – \$200,000 Audubon, 3yo, 1 1/8 M (T)
- **Featured Simulcasts:**
  - SA 2 (4:30 p.m.) – \$100,000 Desert Stormer (GIII), f&m, 6 F
  - Bel 9 (5:12 p.m.) – \$200,000 Pennine Ridge (GII), 3yo, 1 1/8 M (T)
- **Milestone Watch:**
  - Trainer Rusty Arnold (396 Churchill Downs wins)
  - Jockey Julien Leparoux (999 Churchill Downs wins)
  - Jockey Joe Rocco Jr. (197 Churchill Downs wins)
  - Jockey Luis Saez (3,000 career wins)
- **Meet Leading Jockeys:** Tyler Gaffalione (25); Brian Hernandez Jr. (15); Ricardo Santana Jr. (15); Florent Geroux (12); Rafael Bejarano (11), Joe Talamo (11)
- **Meet Leading Trainers:** Brad Cox (10); Steve Asmussen (8); Kenny McPeck (8); Joe Sharp (8); Brendan Walsh (8); Rusty Arnold (7); Mike Maker (7)
- **Meet Leading Owners:** Peter Brant (3); Godolphin LLC (3); David E. Miller (3); Rigney Racing LLC (3); Silverton Hill LLC (3); Stonestreet Stables LLC (3); Gary and Mary West (3)
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Sunny, 84.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$9), Reserved Seating (\$12), Reserved Dining (\$54)
- **TV:** FS2 (4:30-6 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpires.com

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 5 (FAMILY ADVENTURE DAY)**

- **Promotion:** Family Adventure Day
- **Racing:** 10 Races; Day 23 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-5:26 p.m.
- **Dirt/Turf (Lane 1, 0 feet):** TBA
- **Featured Races:**
  - Race 3 (1:43 p.m.) – Alw 134000nc, 3yo, 5 ½ F (I)
  - Race 6 (3:18 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, 3&cup, 1 1/16 M (I)
  - Race 7 (3:50 p.m.) – OC 150000b, 3&cup, 1 M
  - Race 8 (4:22 p.m.) – OC 62500n2x, 3&cup, 1 1/8 M
  - Race 9 (4:55 p.m.) – \$200,000 Old Forester Mint Julep (GIII), f&m, 1 1/16 M (I)
  - Race 10 (5:26 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, 3&cup, 7 F
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Mostly sunny, 87.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$9), Reserved Seating (\$12), Reserved Dining (\$49)
- **TV:** FS1 (12:30-2 p.m.); FS2 (4:30-5:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpire.com

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8**

- **Racing:** 9 Races; Day 24 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-4:55 p.m.
- **Featured Races:**
  - Race 1 (12:45 p.m.) – Mdn 92k (Auction), 2yo, 5 F
  - Race 4 (2:13 p.m.) – Mdn 92k (Auction), 2yo f, 5 ½ F
  - Race 7 (3:50 p.m.) – Mdn 120k, 3&cup, 7 F
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Mostly cloudy, 82. 60% showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2 p.m.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (12:30-5 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpire.com

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 9**

- **Promotion:** Twilight Thursday – \$2 select domestic can beer, live music (Southern Sirens), food trucks (Sweet N Savory; Bamba Eggrolls; Good Belly; Copper Kitchen; Flavorville; and Lil Cheezers)
- **Scheduled Racing:** 8 Races; Day 25 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 4 p.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 5-8:23 p.m.
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Mostly sunny, 80.
- **Featured Simulcasts:** GII Wonder Again (Bel)
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (3-8:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpire.com

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 10**

- **Promotion:** Senior Day – \$26 Millionaires Row/Skye Terrace for age 60 and up
- **Scheduled Racing:** 9 Races; Day 26 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-4:55 p.m.
- **Featured Simulcasts:** GI New York (Bel); GII Belmont Gold Cup (Bel); GII True North (Bel); GII Bed o' Roses (Bel); GIII Intercontinental (Bel)
- **National Weather Service Forecast:** Partly sunny, 80. 40% showers and thunderstorms.
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (12:30-6:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpire.com
- **Radio:** "Inside Churchill Downs" on ESPN 680/105.7 (6-7 p.m.)

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 11 (BELMONT STAKES WATCH PARTY)**

- **Scheduled Racing:** 11 Races; Day 27 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-5:58 p.m.
- **Stakes Racing:** \$160,000 Mighty Beau Overnight Stakes
- **Featured Simulcasts:** GI Belmont (Bel); GI Metropolitan Handicap (Bel); GI Manhattan (Bel); GI Ogden Phipps (Bel); GI Acorn (Bel); GI Just a Game (Bel); GI Woody Stephens (Bel); GI Jaipur (Bel); GII Brooklyn (Bel); GIII Affirmed (SA)
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$9), Reserved Seating (\$12), Reserved Dining (\$54)
- **TV:** FS2 (11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 7:15-8:30 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpire.com

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 12**

- **Promotion:** Military Appreciation Day – Free general admission; \$32 Millionaires Row or Skye Terrace
- **Scheduled Racing:** 10 Races; Day 28 of 44
- **Gates Open:** 11:30 a.m.
- **First Race/Last Race:** 12:45-5:26 p.m.
- **Stakes Racing:** GIII, \$225,000 Matt Winn; \$160,000 Leslie's Lady Overnight Stakes
- **Featured Simulcasts:** GII Summertime Oaks (SA)
- **Tickets:** General Admission (\$7), Reserved Seating (\$10), Reserved Dining (\$42)
- **TV:** FS2 (12:30-2:30 p.m., 4:30-6 p.m.)
- **Smart TV App:** Churchill Downs LIVE
- **Wager:** TwinSpire.com

#### **ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK**

Churchill Downs Racetrack ("CDRT"), the world's most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The saddling paddock and the stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility.

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